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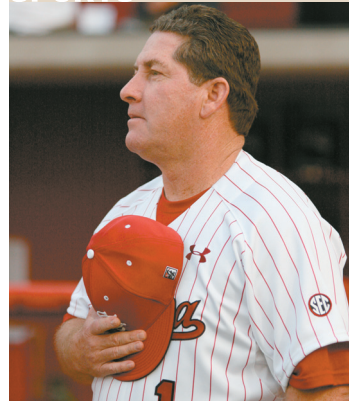
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County crime falls

Sheriff's State of County address claims decrease in Richland due to new deputies, equipment

Derek Legette
STAFF WRITER

Despite the poor economy, Richland County's crime rate dropped in 2009.

Property crimes decreased by more than 8 percent, with 378 fewer cases in 2009 than 2008, and violent crime decreased by 2 percent with 30 fewer cases.

In his State of the County address, Sheriff Leon Lott said the crime rate dropped because the county added 15 new deputies and purchased new tasers and radios.

The county is also using new license plate recognition software, which helps locate stolen and expired tags.

A task force designated to counter gang activity was created after many meetings and evidence were presented. Soon arrests and indictments began to surface under the South

Carolina gang law.

The drug war originated from the Mexican cartel and brought its negative effects to the Richland County. In 2009, law enforcement met challenge of combating such problems as well as gang activities.

Since the beginning of 2010, more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana and crack cocaine have been recovered, along with \$2 million from a house located in Richland County. Public information officer and community liaison Monique Mack says that the community has played a big role in the decline of crime.

"Over the past decade the number of crime-watching organizations in the communities have increased from 60 to 365," Mack said. "The communities have displayed a great deal of participation, and it has really paid off."

Despite this successes with law enforcement, Lott said there are still obstacles that must be surpassed. "We must fight the battles in order to win the war," Lott said in the address.

In an effort to keep youth away from gangs, which Lott said he has been fighting for the last 11 years, the department is committed

Crime • 4A

2009 Richland County Crime: By the numbers

378 Less property crimes in 2009 than 2008

8 Percent drop in property crime since 2008

2 Less violent crimes in 2009 than 2008

30 Percent drop in violent crime since 2008

15 New deputies hired in 2009.

Source: Richland County Sheriff's Department

SG appeal hearing moved to Sunday

Allison's campaign disqualification ruling won't push back election

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student Government election runoffs will occur Monday and Tuesday as planned after SG's Constitutional Council moved up an appeal hearing on Kate Allison's disqualification.

Allison's disqualification appeal will now happen Sunday at 8 p.m. inside the Senate chambers.

The hearing was originally scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m.

The hearing is open to the public, but the three-member Constitutional Council will deliberate in private. A decision should be announced late Sunday night.

"We wanted everything to go on as planned," Elections Commissioner Thomas Gaither said.

The commission also ruled VP candidates cannot campaign prior to the hearing Sunday night. It would pose an unfair advantage to Allison if the hearing reverses her disqualification, the commission ruled.

Presidential candidates are allowed to campaign as usual.

In a separate ruling, the Constitutional Council said the two members of Alpha Delta Pi who wrote anonymous letters to the Elections Commission in support of the violation won't have to reveal their identities.

Allison's representative Alan Tauber, a political science doctoral candidate, said the girls should have to come forward.

"Anonymous accusations have never been valid," Allison said. "If I'm going to have a violation, the person needs to be present."

I don't appreciate secondhand filing because that person did not witness the situation by any means."

VP candidate Taylor Cain said the women made a courageous decision to stand up for their beliefs and should be protected.

The Daily Gamecock has confirmed both letter writers were present during the chapter meeting, but has agreed to hold their information confidential.

Members of the sorority aren't allowed to discuss business from chapter meetings.

The decision to move the hearing up one day was to stop two separate runoffs for the vice presidential and presidential race.

Had Allison's appeal been held Monday night, the presidential runoff between Drew Kirchhofer and Ebbie Yazdani would have still happened Monday and Tuesday.

But the VP runoff would have been at a later date, meaning students would have been required to vote on two separate occasions.

If Allison loses her appeal, Taylor Cain will face third-place finisher Steve Vereen in the runoff. If she wins, Vereen will be eliminated.

Both Allison and Cain said they thought the decision doesn't pose a disadvantage to either candidate.

During Sunday night's hearing, SG Attorney General Bri Nathan will argue the case for the Elections Commission against



ALLISON



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Columbia's seven mayoral candidates debate in an event co-sponsored by BG Time, a group dedicated to familiarizing seniors with new media.

Mayoral hopefuls make their cases

Candidates debate public safety, water resources in senior-focused forum

James McCoy
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Columbia's mayoral candidates debated issues ranging from water to the homeless in an event co-sponsored by BG Time Thursday night at the Capitol Senior Center.

Among the hopeful mayoral candidates were Steve Benjamin, Aaron Johnson, Joseph Azar, Kirkman Finlay, Gary Myers and Sparkle Clarke.

BG Time, a group dedicated to helping senior Columbians become more versed in digital media, helped seniors submit questions to the eager group of candidates.

The forum is a good opportunity for seniors

to interact with mayoral candidates, said RJ Kraft, a BG Time representative and first-year mass communications graduate student.

"Seniors are most undervalued treasure in our community," Benjamin said. "The knowledge and value that they bring to the table is very valuable to making our society much better."

Seniors are becoming a larger part of Columbia's population every year, said retired state employee Lynn Kelley, and "the people who represent this emerging sector of Columbia population must be willing to meet those challenges."

Candidates Benjamin and Finlay debated the importance of having a fully staffed police force and a sufficient supply of clean water for the city.

Finlay, a small business owner, said Columbia must address its

Mayor • 4A

Recession means thriftier vacations

Spring break planners cater to those spending less

Melissa Schaub
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Despite whispers of an eventual economic turnaround, college students have been looking for cheaper ways to vacation this year, and spring break tour companies are scrambling to meet their needs.

“The recession affects everything,” said Jeff Swank, Southeast Regional Manager of Xtreme Trips. “The economy affects how much money the parents have, who are usually the people paying for the trips.”

Xtreme Trips is a company that plans, organizes and coordinates all-inclusive spring break packages both in and out of the United States.

Last year, Xtreme Trips grew 33 percent in spite of the economic downturn, but it remains to be seen how they will do this year with the shadow of the recession still looming. Swank said more students are staying with friends or family this year instead of paying for hotel or vacation packages.

“It’s definitely cheaper that way,” said Julia Davis, a second-year psychology student. “We won’t have to pay for a place to stay.”

Davis and her boyfriend are planning on staying with his grandmother in Sanibel Island, Fla. Many other students have shifted to similar, thriftier ways of spending spring break. Like Xtreme Trips, other tour companies have been feeling the effects of an economy with a significantly smaller amount of disposable income.

Fernando Molina, Director of Operations for Inertia Tours, said the company has booked less spring break trips this year than they booked in 2009. Inertia Tours, a spring break tour company based out of Austin, Texas, has been forced to

offer discounted prices in order to sell spring break packages this year.

“We have no choice,” Molina said. “It’s the difference between a little money or no money.”

Spring break tour companies like Inertia have not only begun to offer lower prices, but have also refashioned their marketing plans in response to the stagnant economy. This involves an increased marketing emphasis on trips within the United States as opposed to more expensive vacations to Mexico or the Caribbean. The Inertia Tours Web site says they offer four trips under \$500 per person.

“Inertia understands that not all college students have a grand to spend for a spring break getaway, so we really do specialize in trips under \$499 per person,” the Web site says.

Inertia Tours has shifted its emphasis to these more frugal spring break trips, and Molina said social media tools have been integral in establishing this positioning.

Students seem to be responding to these economical spring break trips, according to Molina and Swank. Both Inertia Tours and Xtreme Trips said the two most popularly booked locations for 2010 thus far have Panama City, Fla. and South Padre Island, Texas.

Buying discounted spring break packages or staying with friends are practical options for students, but for some the best option may be to save the money and just go home.

Will Stallings, a second-year accounting student, will be taking that route this year.

“There are some perks to going home, like free food and free laundry,” Stallings said.

With competition from free and cheaper options, spring break tour companies just might have to wait for a better economy and better prospects in 2011.

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LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL Lawmakers sign onto nuclear waste funding bill

South Carolina lawmakers said Thursday they have to do something about the Obama administration ditching plans to open the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage site in Nevada.

State senators on Wednesday unanimously signed onto a bill that would require the state’s electric utilities put money earmarked for a national nuclear waste repository instead into a state fund until the federal site begins operating. The state would use interest from that to get its own long-term storage plan operating by 2012.

The bill was introduced a day after Gov. Mark Sanford said the state may have to take legal action to keep the Yucca Mountain open as an option, claiming political deals were made and 25 years of promises were being broken after South Carolinians had put \$1.2 billion into the project.

But poking the Department of Energy in the wallet creates problems. By Thursday the state’s utilities weighed in with warnings that they could lose federal nuclear power operating permits.

And that’s a big deal in a state where about half the power generated comes from nuclear plants and utilities are seeking permits for more reactors.

“We want to make sure that the legislation being proposed here doesn’t compromise what we are doing or what we are planning to do to move forward for any reason,” SCANA Corp. spokesman Eric Boomhower said.

The Department of Energy didn’t immediately respond to questions Thursday.

The power companies’ concerns prompted a slowdown from senators who expected to send their bill to the House by this weekend.

“Everybody in here supports keeping Yucca Mountain open for disposal of spent hazardous material,” said state Sen. Paul Campbell, R-Goose Creek. “But we want to make sure unintended consequences doesn’t impact South Carolina businesses.”

NATIONAL Two hospitalized after IRS building plane crash

AUSTIN, Texas — A software engineer furious with the Internal Revenue Service plowed his small plane into an office building housing nearly 200 federal tax employees on Thursday, officials said, setting off a raging fire that sent workers fleeing as thick plumes of black smoke poured into the air.

A U.S. law official identified the pilot as Joseph Stack — whose home was set on fire just before the crash — and said investigators were looking at an anti-government message on the Web linked to him. The Web site outlines problems with the IRS and says violence “is the only answer.”

Federal law enforcement officials have said they were investigating whether the pilot, who is presumed to have died in the crash, slammed into the Austin building on purpose in an effort to blow up IRS offices. All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

“Violence not only is the answer, it is the only answer,” the long note on Stack’s Web site reads, citing past problems with the tax-collecting agency.

“I saw it written once that the definition of insanity is repeating the same process over and over and expecting the outcome

to suddenly be different. I am finally ready to stop this insanity. Well, Mr. Big Brother IRS man, let’s try something different; take my pound of flesh and sleep well,” the note, dated Thursday, reads.

At least one person who worked in the building was unaccounted for and two people were hospitalized, said Austin Fire Department Division Chief Dawn Clopton. She did not have any information about the pilot. About 190 IRS employees work in the building, and IRS spokesman Richard C. Sanford the agency was trying to account for all of its workers.

After the plane crashed into the building, flames shot out, windows exploded and workers scrambled to safety. Thick smoke billowed out of the second and third stories hours later as fire crews battled the blaze.

“It felt like a bomb blew off,” said Peggy Walker, an IRS revenue officer who was sitting at her desk in the building when the plane crashed. “The ceiling caved in and windows blew in. We got up and ran.”

INTERNATIONAL 9 Taliban leaders apprehended in Pakistan

KABUL — Pakistani authorities, aided by U.S. intelligence, said Thursday they have apprehended more militant chiefs following the capture of the Afghan Taliban’s No. 2 figure — arrests that together represent the biggest blow to the militant organization since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

The roundups, which could still be under way, occurred as 15,000 U.S., NATO and Afghan forces are pressing the Taliban in their southern Afghan stronghold of Marjah, which had been the biggest town in the area under militant control.

The latest arrests took place late Wednesday and early Thursday when nine militants linked to al-Qaida were nabbed near Pakistan’s biggest city of Karachi, where the Taliban’s deputy chief Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar was picked up several days ago.

Others picked up in the recent sweeps included the Taliban’s ‘shadow’ governors in two provinces in northern Afghanistan, according to the official governor of the Afghan province of Kunduz, Mohammad Omar, and two Pakistani intelligence officers.

The Pakistani intelligence officials

spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because they did not have the authority to speak to the media.

Communications intercepted by U.S. authorities played a key role in tracking and arresting the suspects, who were in Karachi buying bomb-making equipment, the officials said. They were taken to Islamabad for questioning.

Many details of the arrests were unclear, including how they were linked to the capture of Mullah Baradar, who effectively ran the Taliban on a day-to-day basis on behalf of the reclusive leader Mullah Mohammad Omar.

But a Pakistani intelligence official said Mullah Baradar has provided “useful” information that has led to the arrests of other suspected militants. The official said Mullah Baradar was traveling in a car on the outskirts of Karachi when he was nabbed along with three of his guards. He said Mullah Baradar was picked up with help from the CIA.

Pakistan security agencies conducted three different raids overnight in Karachi and arrested nine more suspects including three foreigners.

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Mayoral candidates debate an array of issues, including public safety, water resources and Columbia's homelessness problem Thursday night at the Capitol Senior Center.

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issues straight on. "The issues of water of is a fundament issues concerning our community," Finlay said.
Benjamin, a former law enforcement officer and attorney said he supported increasing funding for emergency services.
"By underfunding both our police forces and fire department we are doing our own community a disservice," Benjamin said.
Candidates proposed alternate programs to help to secure the city besides using the police force, which Morrison said just suffered a \$3 million budget cut.
Candidates also took a minute to focus on finding an area of common ground especially when dealing with

tough issues such as an unbalanced budget.
"Sometimes it is hard to find a consensus," Benjamin said. "This is when the mayor has to stand up and make the unpopular decision because it is the right decision."
When the forum took a turn towards the issues of gangs in the Columbia area, Johnson said the real issue surviving gangs is the lack of job opportunities in Columbia.
"When you solve that issue than the rest of it will follow," Johnson said.

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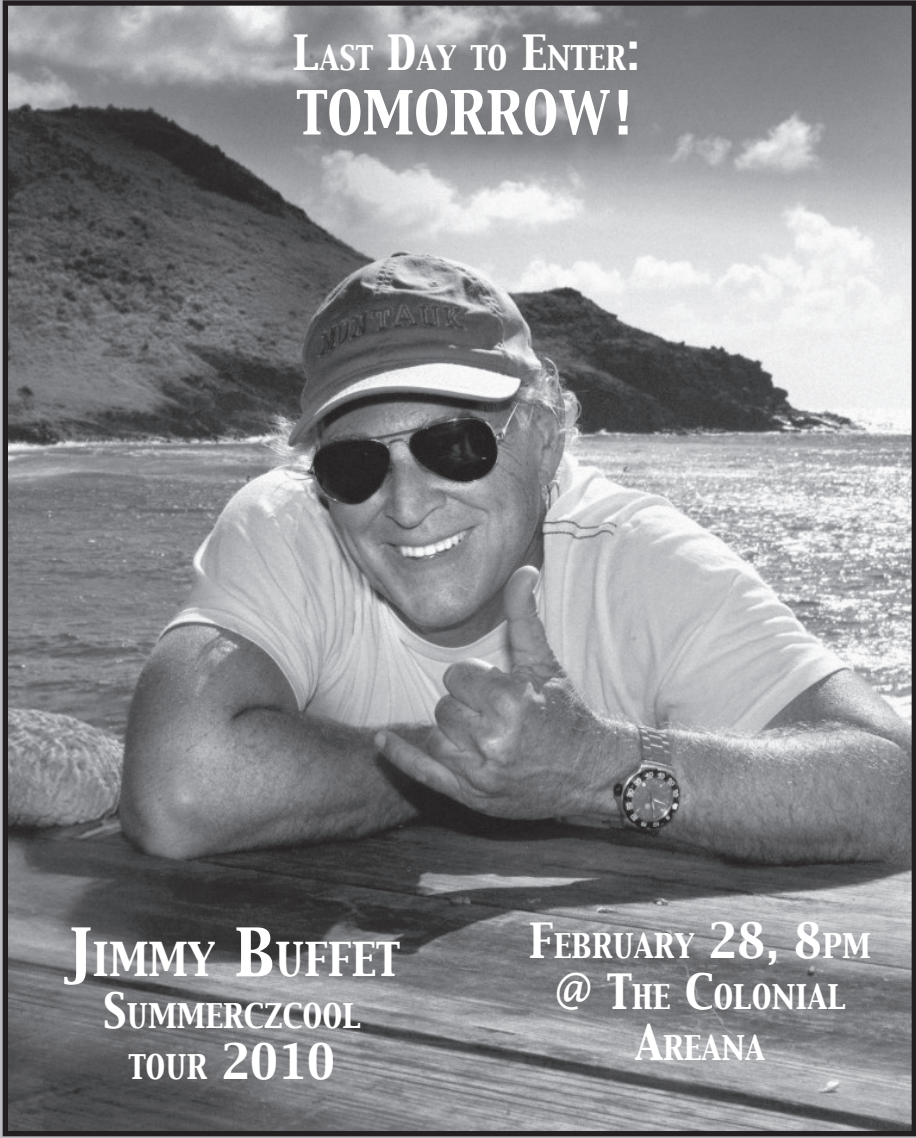
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to directing the "future leaders of America."
Lott said in his address that the youth can either be part of a positive or negative path, and he wants to eliminate the negative.

The department is implementing programs to encourage youth to stay clear from gangs and drugs. One of the programs, R.E.A.D.Y (Richland County, Educating, and Deterring), gives teenagers an opportunity

to stay overnight in jail. Another is Crossroads, which lets young people meet law officials.

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Tauber.

The disqualification came around midnight Tuesday after the commission ruled Allison's campaign committed fraud during a Monday night chapter meeting of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Campaign organizer Matt Ungar, a third-year public relations student, spoke at the meeting.

During his speech, computers were given to members of the sorority for voting purposes. In anonymous letters to the commission, two members of the sorority said they were pressured to vote for Allison during the meeting.

In the motion Wednesday, Allison's staff argued neither Allison nor members of her staff were aware the chapter meeting of Alpha Delta Pi was turned into a polling location.

The motion also argued

Allison would be in the runoff if every vote from Alpha Delta Pi was taken from her and given to Vereen, the third-place finisher.

"I never wanted to see elections come to this," Cain said. "But the integrity of the elections were challenged. Rules were not followed. And they can't keep the consequences from occurring."

Allison said she's only hoping for justice.

"I'm hoping all the supporters I have won't be let down, so all I can do is hope for the best," she said. "I know this is wrong, so do 90 percent of people, and I'm hoping Constitutional Council can say see that is well."

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Ashley Rivers, center, and Matt Ungar video chat with VP candidate Kate Allison following Tuesday night's election results. Allison was disqualified for election fraud later Tuesday night.

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Dance: that’s why it’s Dance Marathon

Just dance ... gonna be okay ... da da doo-doo-mmm. The Daily Gamecock is just getting ready for Dance Marathon, the largest student-run philanthropy on campus — and you should be too. USCDM has recruited 1,100 students to dance for 24 hours in support of the Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, for which it has raised \$111,000 this year. That just makes us feel like ... well, you know.

But we have some instructions for students that we wish we didn’t have to give. No, not instructions on how to dance. There are no judges at Dance Marathon.

First, show up. You registered for this and it is your duty to be there and actually dance, or at least do what you call dancing. You are doing this for these children and their families, some of whom will be there looking on. If you don’t show up, don’t let us catch you dancing at Parrot Head that night.

Second, don’t come drunk. In fact, take all the money you were planning to buy alcohol with and donate it to Palmetto Health. Don’t make a fool of yourself in front of the people you are trying to help — you can hide your intoxication in a club, not under the fluorescent lights of the Strom.

Morale leaders, look at your job title. Keep people dancing by keeping their morale up; don’t yell at them like Nazis. You’re Richard Simmons, not Chairman Mao. We want to keep spirits high and have a good time.

All in all, remember that you’re there for the kids. Keep positive, keep moving and, as Lady Gaga tells us, just dance.

Tête à Tête

State school needs to increase percentage of in-state students; public universities must better serve the community

Out-of-state students enhance University through raising academic standards, diversity, paying increased tuition

The University of South Carolina is a state school and should educate the people of South Carolina. An article in The State, “Colleges’ out-of-state raises red flag” by Wayne Washington, says the number of in-state students has dropped to 66 percent at USC-Columbia in the past decade. Take a look at the facts and you will see the number of out-of-state students continues to rise rapidly in most South Carolina universities. Why is this? Money.

State schools need money, and out-of-state students pay higher tuition. It’s as simple as that. Instead of focusing on getting more students from South Carolina into South Carolina universities, the state is focusing on making state schools, such as USC, more appealing to out-of-state students.

Legislatures argue that out-of-state students bring diversity that is needed in a college atmosphere. This is true. Out-of-state students provide demographic and geographic variety, which is a key element of the college experience. However, state universities should represent the demographic and geographic make-up of South Carolina. With 34 percent of our current student population being out-of-state, the representation can’t demonstrate South Carolina as a whole.

In-state students should not be competing with out-of-state students for a spot at their state university. In the article, Dr. John Raymond of MUSC said, “the institutions generally expand their student numbers so as not to reduce slots for qualified South Carolina students.” In-state student slots should not be expanded. Instead, out-of-state student slots should be limited.

Legislators are focusing too much on the financial advantages of out-of-state students instead of putting their sights on the future. In-state students are more likely to stay in state. This means South Carolina schools will educate South Carolina students, who will in turn use their education for the betterment of the state. This is the intention of state schools. If we do not have enough funding, we should focus on getting our K-12 students ready for college and provide them with the same incentives as provided to out-of-state students, to ensure they can obtain a college education.

Financially, it is smart to draw out-of-state students. However, educating out-of-state students so they can return and better their home states does nothing for South Carolina in the long run. If we want a thriving, successful state we have to focus on our own students. This means limiting the number of out-of-state students accepted to South Carolina universities and increasing our efforts to get South Carolina students into college. Let’s get South Carolinians back into South Carolina universities where they belong.



Jessica Hardin
Second-year print journalism student



Marilyn Joyner
Second-year English and dance student

In 2008, in-state students at USC made up 69.3 percent of the student body, while last semester they accounted for 66.2 percent. Slowly but surely, the number of in-state students is decreasing while the number of out-of-state students is increasing. But after long debates and delegation, state officials still believe that recruiting more and more out-of-state students, especially at USC, has helped raise academic standards and are enriching Columbia’s culture.

As an out-of-state student myself, I would not be here without in-state tuition. My other option was the University of Georgia, but after weighing the options with my parents — who ironically are die-hard Georgia fans — they pushed me to come to USC for ballet.

Though I have to stay a dance student, it was still the best decision I have ever made because I came to a school where I knew no one and ended up making the best of friends. Plus, I did not have to give up my passion for dance as the rest of my friends did. One reason

out-of-state students are becoming more and more attracted to USC is because the University offers a lot of opportunities for these students with numerous scholarships. They push students to come to USC to bring different cultures and knowledge from other geographic areas. And even if no scholarships are granted, out-of-state students bring higher revenue with out-of-state tuition, ultimately feeding money to the University.

As the number of out-of-state students grows, the academic standards of USC are growing as well. USC is recruiting smarter students from other states, which not only helps the University, but helps the city and state as well. Even though the majority of these students move on after undergraduate or graduate school, they still bring different qualities of education that help the city grow. Also, some students end up completing both undergraduate and graduate programs because they get attached to the school.

But South Carolina grows most on those students who, when it comes time to graduate, never want to leave. There are a lot of students that leave Columbia but move to Charleston, Greenville and South Carolina cities.

Yet, in-state students are still getting what they need. They are given opportunities to meet more people from out-of-state and are brought up academically with those students. Plus, they still have an advantage over out-of-state students with in-state tuition, and they are not too far from home.

Even though with more out-of-state students, the opportunities for in-state students are reduced, having more students from other areas enhances the University. It is great that students from other states are driven to come to USC. That just goes to show that USC is doing a great job.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student athletes under great pressure to meet academic, athletic expectations, deserve new facility

As a former student athlete at the University, I am completely shocked at what Rosinski has to say about student athletes. I really wish that she would have put forth some research in order to actually get to the truth, which is nothing like she writes about in her overdrawn and exaggerated article.

As a former student athlete myself, who graduated on time with a double major from the University’s Moore School of Business, I can tell you that being a student athlete is more like being a full-time employee and full-time student all at once. Our workout regime is strenuous and extensive. Being a part of the women’s soccer team, I was forced to miss classes, not by choice but because we had a duty to fulfill for the University. During my four years, I had to make up early exams on several occasions. Most of which were altered exams, such as fill-in-the-blank opposed to the other students’ multiple choice. It is true that I had tutors, but when you miss classes due to games, and games only, it is hard to keep up on lectures. I was never handed any notes, but I was checked on by class checkers and had teachers e-mail my coaches to let them

know my progress. If my grades weren’t up to par or my attendance was abnormal, I could count on having additional study hall hours or extra sprints.

How does that in any way sound easy to you? And to make it better, there are people like you all around the University who for some reason or another get the false impression that we have it easy. In fact, I even had a professor take it out on me. Some teachers make life harder for athletes by refusing to excuse them from class to leave for a game — like it is our choice or by giving us bad grades and not allowing us to make up in-class quizzes.

Try recovering in a class when you have a quiz every day, all of which count for 10 percent of your grade, when you miss nearly half of them traveling to different venues. Try doing your homework and studying for exams on an eight-hour bus ride after you just played two games, had one practice and had already driven on that bus for 15 hours the previous two days. That would be our trip to Mississippi and Mississippi State. And when you think it can’t possibly get any harder, try getting in at 3 a.m. on Monday and have to be at class at 8 a.m. If all of that sounds easy, then be my guest.

As for the special privileges that you claim

just aren’t fair, please explain how you would expect these athletes to get by without them. If we aren’t in class, we aren’t learning what you are, so we have to have tutors to help us catch up when games and travel make us fall behind. We have a center because the athletics department wants to ensure that academics are still the most important thing to its student-athletes. As freshmen, the women’s soccer team is required to get eight hours of study hall every week. In case you’re wondering, that is in addition to the Tuesday-Friday practices held from three to five, and the weight lifting every Monday, the training room to mend injuries, the classes, the games, the travel to different venues and even the occasional sleep we are able to sneak into our schedules.

As for the money that goes into these centers and buildings, it is donated or taken from the athletic funds. We are completely separate from the University when it comes to money. We bring in millions through games and sponsors. And, as you can tell by everyone else who has responded, that center you refer to was donated by a woman with the first name Dodie. Like I said, maybe you should do your research next time before you decide to take out your anger on the athletes. We give this school pride, something to

believe in and something to cheer for. We represent the school in ways you are not able to, and we are looked up to by the community. We don’t just have to look in the mirror at the end of the day because we have the eyes of everyone that roots for this University upon us. Try living up to that pressure ... our success, our failures and our mistakes are all over the papers.

The life of a student athlete is not all the glam and special treatment that you have it cracked up to be. It is a lot of long hours and hard work. You were right about one thing: not many of us “make it big” as athletes after school. We graduate like everyone else hopes to, we find real jobs and we enter the real world. Just like you, we are there for the main reason of attending college — to get a degree. We just have to find ways to multi-task, find a way to be a full-time athlete and a full-time student, which is in no way, shape or form an easy task. And as for a hard major, how about those of us who are nursing majors or pharmacy majors or even pre-med? If you have a hard time without all the extracurricular activities, how do you think we feel?

Courtney Cobbs
2008 alum

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Spring blooms with returning trends

Accessories complete original looks, create incredible, fun wardrobes

Amber Rose
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Spring is a time for new trends and styles in terms of clothes and accessories. Accessorizing an outfit can pull an entire look together and give off an effortless vibe. Here are some key pieces to complete the spring look.

1. Statement necklaces, which became a staple last season, will continue to be a part of 2010. A large, intricate necklace can add a little style to any outfit, but should be paired with solids or neutrals. An example is a large silver statement necklace paired with a white tank, jeans and a cardigan. A chunky rhinestone version can also be paired with a cocktail dress for a night out.

2. Miniskirts are the length for spring. It should be added that this isn’t referring to those “up to there” skirts that leave little to the imagination. These skirts are ruffled, printed and even neutral just to name a few. They are more structured than the typical miniskirt and run from high-end versions by Tory Burch to Banana Republic. This style is pulled off well with a flowing, light top.

3. Denim trends were huge on the runway for spring 2010. This could mean throwing on a denim bag or a denim chambray shirt to pull a look together. However, don’t pile too much denim on to the point where it is overwhelming.

4. Clogs are making a return as well. These were a more controversial piece of the spring runway; however, they were featured in both the Chanel and Louis Vuitton collections. This doesn’t mean those chunky clogs worn back in middle school, but new chunky sandals and boots that give off a modern flair. Cork-soled heels are a great option for this look as well and, as an added plus, are much comfier than stilettos.

5. A boyfriend jacket is a key piece that is once again big this season and is sure to never go out of style. A boyfriend jacket is not like a blazer, but a longer, slimmer menswear-inspired piece that is very versatile. It is sure to dress up any outfit, including paired with jeans and a tee, a ruffled mini or a cocktail dress.

6. A bucket bag is a new trend for spring. Though not as oversized as in seasons past, it’s still a great size for throwing in all those necessities and maybe even some books for class. This style has been featured by many high-end designers, including the much-hyped Derek Lam.

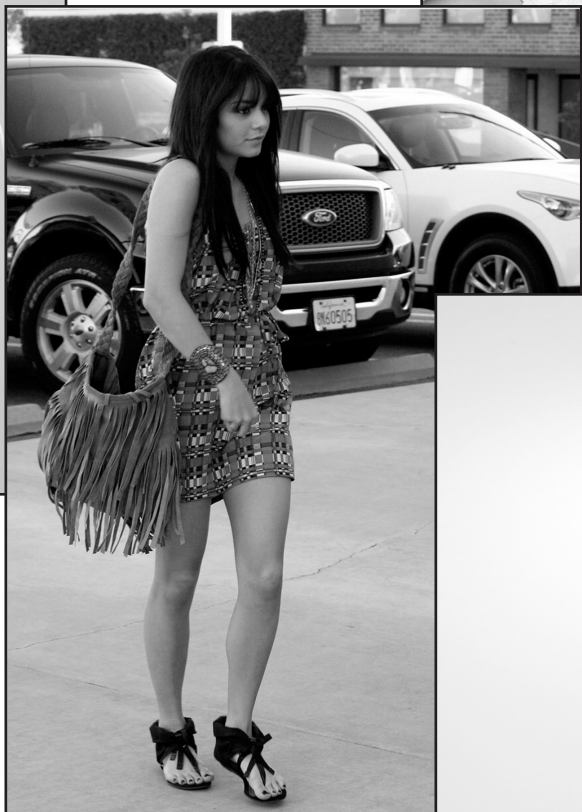
7. Camouflage is the print for spring, especially in pulling of that military chic look straight off the runways, including that of designer Balmain. This means a camo accessory, skirt and especially a cargo jacket that comes in army green or beige. This is the perfect way to give off a tough but chic style.

8. The fringe bag is also making a comeback. Designers ranging from Dolce & Gabbana to Mulberry to even Gap have created pieces with this trend. This can be thrown on with a distressed tee, skinny jeans and a scarf for that effortlessly cool attitude.

9. A chunky cuff bracelet is the “it” bracelet for spring, adding a touch of elegance to any outfit. It can be dressed up or down depending on what it accompanies. It can be intricately detailed or worn as several solid pieces together.

Choose your accessories wisely, and be free to create your own signature look.

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Winter can’t stop season’s fresh looks



Courtesy of Edward Opinaldo

Tights, cardigans and other accessories allow tempting spring fashions to be worn in these last few weeks of dreary winter weather.

Smart additions mean warm weather dresses, shoes, tops don’t have to wait until spring

Kelsey Pacer
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

It’s that time of year — stores are beginning to put out new spring merchandise. These new displays are a form of torture, because while the clothes, shoes and accessories are adorable, it’s still cold and dreary outside. There’s no reason to buy these clothes now though, right? Wrong! It’s easy to make spring style winter-wearable by adding just a few warm accessories. Here are a few ways to work hot-and-cold looks:

Strapless dress — The first way to make a lightweight dress February-appropriate is to layer it over warm tights. While plain black tights are always flattering, there are a variety of colors and textures available to complement any dress. Next, put on some slouchy boots or polished flats. Even if you have fantastic shoulders, it is way too cold to wear that dress without some sort of cover up. Try a slim turtleneck underneath for a mod look, or go for a classic cardigan. For a tough-girl touch, you could also try a bold boyfriend blazer.

Open-toed shoes — Peep-toe heels are cropping up in stores, and fortunately, they don’t have to hide in your closet until April. While not for the fashionably faint-of-heart, a neutral colored shoe with an open toe can look very modern with a dark tight. Pale-colored tights could work with a dark shoe, but try with caution. A good tip to keep in mind is the more intricate the shoe (ruffles, zippers, and the like) the more understated your tights should be. Keep in mind that you don’t want sheer tights that show toe lines at the front of the shoe — that will take the attention away from your cute shoes.

Pale-colored tops — Loads of candy-colored plaid shirts have been appearing on store shelves. However, they might look a little strange during these last few cold weeks. To make pastel tops more seasonal, try layering them with a darker jacket or cardigan on top. For example, most plaid shirts have a dark stripe situated somewhere in the pattern. Take that color and use it as inspiration for the top layer. A pale blue print can look amazing with a navy sweater on top, and lavender will always look great with deep violet or plum. Another way to add your light shirt into the wintry mix is to accessorize with a dark necklace on top. Even the springiest shirt can be tempered down with a black necklace and black pants.

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Show the love,
wear the gear.

Men's Basketball
vs. Tennessee 1:30 pm TOMORROW

Women's Basketball
vs. Georgia 7 pm Feb. 25



Photo: Kara Roache



Inside the Box ♦ *By Marlowe Leverette / The Daily Gamecock*



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES When the Moon leaves your sign today, you're fully prepared to accept the comforts provided by associates.

TAURUS Ease into the weekend by finishing a task that you've been avoiding. Then put your emotions on the line, long-distance.

GEMINI Challenge yourself to speak up in a tight situation. Choose words carefully to avoid misunderstanding.

CANCER Never let it be said that you don't enjoy a fight. What you like even better is to have someone in your corner to cheer you on.

LEO Today you get in touch with your creative side. Look to a friend from some insight and inspiration. It's time for a new project.

VIRGO You have a chance to create connections. Dig a bit deeper to discover where the people around you can take you next.

LIBRA Things run more smoothly if you devise a way to be emotionally persuasive while maintaining the bottom line. It would be easy to overspend today.

SCORPIO You have lots of little details to take care of now. Fortunately, you have plenty of energy and enthusiasm for the task.

SAGITTARIUS Don't be surprised if the first words from your mouth include high praise for an associate.

CAPRICORN Lively discussions with your partner lead to exciting conclusions. This game has two rules: comfort and playful persuasion.

AQUARIUS There's a shift in your thinking. You're probably more supportive of others now than you have been.

PISCES Despite the pace today, you find yourself in the right place at the right time. Sell your ideas. Buyers are listening.

Calendar of Events

What: Coke Zero Tasting
When: 8:30 a.m.
Where: Russell House Patio

What: Garnet Circle Official Carolina Ring Week
When: 9 a.m.
Where: RH, 2nd Floor Lobby

What: Vagina Monologues Tabling
When: 11 a.m.
Where: Greene Street

What: Campus Advance Studies on the Word
When: 1 p.m.
Where: RH, Room 203

What: International Bible Study
When: 1 p.m.
Where: RH, Room 205

What: Vagina Monologues
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Gambrell, Room 153

SPORTS SCHEDULE

What: Softball vs. Florida A&M
When: 11 a.m.
Where: Orlando, Fla.

What: Baseball vs. Duquesne
When: 3 p.m.
Where: Carolina Stadium

What: Basketball vs. Tennessee
When: 1:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Colonial Life Arena

What: Women's basketball vs. Kentucky
When: 3 p.m. Sunday
Where: Lexington, Ky.

What: Men's basketball vs. Kentucky
When: 9 p.m. Thursday
Where: Lexington, Ky.

The Scene

WUSC BENEFIT SHOW W/ ALEJANDRO, JUNGLE CROW, THE CHOIR QUIT, KID TRAILS, GET WETS, SINGLE SERVING FRIENDS
7:30 p.m., \$5 cover
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

TODAY

CARY ANN HEARST
9:30 p.m., \$5
The White Mule, 1530 Main St.

ALWAYS ... PATSY CLINE
8 p.m., \$17 w/ CarolinaCard
Town Theatre, 1012 Sumter St.

THE ARABIAN NIGHTS
8 p.m., \$16
Longstreet Theatre

TOMORROW

USC CONCERT BAND
7:30, 8:45 p.m., free
Koger Center for the Arts, 813 Assembly St.

BY THE SINS FELL ANGELS, MAINLINE, THE DEFLICTED, POPULATION CONTROL, IN REGRET, UP IN ARMS
8 p.m., \$5
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

ERNIE HALTER WITH JOE FIRSTMAN AND TODD CAREY
9:30 p.m., \$10
The White Mule, 1530 Main St.

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By The Mephram Group

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